

who worked with the team to develop structural design, analysis, details, and drawings; Taz Ezzat, Maryland Custom Builders, Inc., who collaborated with the team on the construction, transport, assembly, and pick/set strategies; George Fritz, Horizon Builders, who hosted visits from the construction team to his demonstration and mock-up facility where he shared best practices for building craft, construction, and vapor management; Julie Gabrielli, Gabrielli Design Studio, who provided input to the communications team on the development of its strategy and concept; Aditya Gaddam; Jennifer Gilmer, Jennifer Gilmer Kitchen and Bath, who worked with the architecture team to design WaterShed's kitchen; Anne Hicks Harney, Ayes Saint Gross, who worked with the drawing and documentation team to finalize the project manual; Maggie Haslam; Ray Hayleck, PMSI Consulting, who provided cost estimating mentorship to the affordability team during the initial phases of estimating; Joan Honeyman, Jordan Honeyman Landscape Architecture, who collaborated with the landscape team on the landscape and plant selection; Ming Hu, HOK, who provided energy modeling assistance to the engineering team; Adam Keith, Whiting Turner, who provided construction and carpentry mentorship to the team; Peter Kelley, American Wind Energy Association, who provided media training to the team and worked with the communications team to develop the target market; Benson Kwong, enVErgie Consulting, who provided mentorship to the engineering cost estimating team during the design development phase; Mike Lawrence, National Museum of Natural History, who worked with the communications team to develop the house tour strategy; Dale Leidich, MTFA Architecture, who provided project management guidance, insight, and advice to the team; John Love, Love's Heating and Air, who consulted with the team on the heating, ventilation, and air-condition, HVAC, design and implementation; Kristen Markham, Simpson Gumpertz & Heger, who consulted with the team on building envelope construction means and methods; Evan Merkel, Greenspring Energy, who worked with the electrical team to design and integrate the photovoltaic (PV) and micro inverter system; John Morris, Perkins Eastman, a veteran of UMD's 2007 LEAFHouse entry and a practicing architect with a background in construction who provided mentorship and assistance to the construction team; Frank Plummer, Tremco, who served as a trusted mentor for the construction team and provided expertise related to construction means and methods for liquid applied membranes for the building envelope and the constructed wetlands; Don Posson, Vanderweil, a long-time teaching partner at UMD who reviewed the engineering and living systems design; Kristin Potterton, Robert Silman and

Associates, who worked with the team to develop structural details and drawings; Tyler Sines, who provided mentorship to the engineering team developing the liquid desiccant wall; Niklas Vigener, Simpson Gumpertz & Heger, who consulted with the team on building envelope construction means and methods; Dan Vlachich, Accenture, who provided expertise, assistance, and power tools to the DC electric team; Fred Werth, Kensington Plumbing and Heating, Inc., who provided master plumbing expertise and assisted the team in the design and installation of the solar thermal and HXEST systems and domestic plumbing system; Bill Wiley, the Potomac School, who collaborated with the engineering team to design and build WaterShed's smart house controls system; Jay Williams, marketing and design specialist for the solar home industry, who provided marketing assistance to the communications and marketing teams; Dan Zimmerman, Shapiro & Duncan, a veteran of two previous decathlons who provided experience and advice to the HVAC and solar thermal teams, facilitated donations, and provided the engineering team with his can-do perspective on the value of figuring things out through hands-on experience.

Last but not least, I would like to congratulate the UMD faculty and staff, starting with the University's President and Chancellor, Dr. Wallace D. Loh and Dr. William E. Kirwan, respectively. Faculty team members included: Mike Binder, AIA LEED-AP, Lecturer in the School of Architecture, Planning & Preservation; Patricia Kosco Cossard, M.A., M.L.S., Librarian and Lecturer in the School of Architecture, Planning & Preservation; Amy Gardner, AIA LEED-AP, Associate Professor in the School of Architecture, Planning & Preservation and Director of UMD's Center for the Use of Sustainable Practices, Brian Grieb, AIA LEED-AP, Lecturer in the School of Architecture, Planning & Preservation and a Partner with Grid Architects in Annapolis; Dr. Keith Herold, Associate Professor of Bioengineering in the A. James Clark School of Engineering; Madlen Simon, AIA, Associate Professor and Architecture Program Director in the School of Architecture, Planning & Preservation, and a Principal at Simon Design; Dr. David Tilley, Associate Professor of Ecological Engineering in the College of Agriculture & Natural Resources, and President of the International Society for the Advancement of Energy Research; and Brittany Williams, Associate AIA LEED-AP Lecturer in the School of Architecture, Planning & Preservation, Project Designer for MTFA Architecture in Arlington, Virginia, and a 2007 Solar Decathlon team leader.

What an outstanding accomplishment! Go Terps!●

#### HOCKESSIN FIRE COMPANY AND LADIES AUXILIARY

● Mr. COONS. Mr. President, it is with great pleasure that I honor the Hockessin Fire Company and ladies auxiliary on 75 years of exceptional service to the great State of Delaware. October 15 marks an important day in the fire company's history, signifying the first official meeting of its founding members. For over seven decades, members of the Hockessin Fire Company and ladies auxiliary have given unselfishly of their time and services in order to make their community a safer place. Today I give thanks for their unyielding determination, self-sacrifice and volunteerism.

In 1936 in the small village of Hockessin, DE, five members of the community recognized a vital protective service was missing, and they decided to do something about it. Meeting in a small library room on October 15, the Hockessin Fire Company was born. With one engine, they went to work protecting and serving their community. From the very beginning, the ladies auxiliary was integral to their operations. When the fire company decided to purchase a second engine in 1938, funds raised by the ladies helped purchase a diesel model that was the first of its kind in the State. Then and now, both organizations have continued that wonderful tradition of partnership, hard work, support and service to all.

Like many volunteer fire companies across the United States the Hockessin Fire Company's value is certainly not limited to its local community, but should inspire each and every American, reminding us of the importance of volunteering and serving others. I commend the hard work of all our fire service men and women across the United States, and especially those at the Hockessin Fire Company on this special anniversary. They are examples of the generous spirit of the American people, who we should be fighting for every day.

I congratulate the Hockessin Fire Company and ladies auxiliary on 75 years of extraordinary service and support to their community and the State of Delaware. On behalf of all Delawareans, I extend my thanks to each and every member for the many sacrifices they have made during the past 75 years. Their continued efforts and countless contributions are greatly appreciated.●

#### REMEMBERING JOSEPH D. "JOE" HUBBARD

● Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I would like to pay tribute today to one of Alabama's most admired and successful prosecutors, Joseph D. "Joe" Hubbard, who passed last month. I got to know him when I was U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Alabama and later when we worked together during the time I served as attorney general of Alabama.

Joe was a native of Calhoun County and graduated from Oxford High School. He received a bachelor's degree with honor from Auburn University and graduated from the fine Cumberland School of Law at Samford University, cum laude. He was elected district attorney in 1992 and reelected, without opposition, in 1998, 2004 and 2010. Prior to being elected district attorney, Joe was an assistant district attorney for the 7th Judicial Circuit from 1978–1985 and chief assistant district attorney 1985–1993.

Joe was named Elected Official of the Year in 2004 by the National Association of Social Workers, District Attorney of the Year for the State of Alabama, and awarded the Distinguished Service Award for Outstanding Law Enforcement.

Joe was dedicated to the law and always did what was right. As a career prosecutor he was most known for two successful prosecutions: That of Donald Ray Wheat, who was convicted of the 2002 murder of four people in a Blockbuster video store, and the prosecution of Marie Hilley which was the subject of two books and a television movie. He also published a novel entitled "Blood Secrets," a thriller about a trial lawyer who wrestles with inner demons as he pursues the seat of the world's most powerful figure—the presidency of the United States. Proceeds from the sale of that book have been donated to the American Cancer Society.

Joe was a role model for prosecutors. He was greatly admired by his fellow prosecutors throughout the State. I shared that view. He was smart, hard working, and deeply experienced. He knew his business and was a "hands on" leader of his office. Frequently, he was called on to provide leadership and otherwise help with tough issues throughout the State. Prosecutors have a demanding job, but one that is quite fulfilling. It requires strength, tenacity, integrity and, importantly, good judgment. Joe possessed all these qualities and more. He could have left public service for a very successful private practice many times but he didn't. He stayed and served the public interest. He retired from that service on March 15, 2011. He will be greatly missed by family, friends and colleagues.●

#### ANGELS IN ADOPTION

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Jim and Jean Mulder of Eureka, SD, as my nominees for the 2011 Angels in Adoption Award. Since 1999, the Angels in Adoption program through the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute have honored more than 1,700 individuals, couples, and organizations nationwide for their work in providing children with loving, stable homes.

Fifty-nine foster children have come to know what it means to have loving parents through the compassion of Jim and Jean Mulder. While some parents

struggle to find a new identity after their youngest child enrolls in elementary school full time, Jim and Jean decided they just enjoyed being parents too much. So, for the past 20 years, this generous couple has opened their home in north central South Dakota to kids who have only known stability and hot meals to be luxuries. The simple things, such as tossing the baseball around or going fishing, have come to mean the world to the Mulders because they can see the joy in their foster children's faces and know the impact their love has had. Jim and Jean included their foster children in all family activities with their biological children, and gave their 59 foster children a sense of what it means to be in a loving, stable family.

With children coming in and out of their home, staying anywhere from months to nearly a decade, one can only imagine the range of emotions Jim and Jean have experienced. From laughter to heartbreak, they both count their God-given role as foster parents as nothing shy of a blessing. With that blessing, they have bestowed a gift onto others in an immeasurable way.

With National Adoption Day just around the corner on November 19, 2011, it is important that we recognize the compassionate families who fulfill the roles of foster and adoptive parents. It brings me great pride to be able to honor South Dakotans Jim and Jean Mulder, my nominees for the 2011 Angels in Adoption Award.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

##### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 7:37 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 771. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1081 Elbel Road in Schertz, Texas, as the "Schertz Veterans Post Office".

H.R. 1632. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5014 Gary Avenue in Lubbock, Texas, as the "Sergeant Chris Davis Post Office".

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 1660. A bill to provide tax relief for American workers and businesses, to put workers back on the job while rebuilding and modernizing America, and to provide pathways back to work for Americans looking for jobs.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3418. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Abnormal Occurrence Reporting Procedure and Handbook" (Management Directive 8.1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3419. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Alternative to Minimum Days Off Requirements" (RIN3150-AI94) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3420. A communication from the Division Chief of Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Minerals Management: Adjustment of Cost Recovery Fees" (RIN1004-AE22) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3421. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Protected Resources, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Species; Determination of Nine Distinct Population Segments of Loggerhead Sea Turtles as Endangered or Threatened" (RIN0648-AY49) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 29, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3422. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Services, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Revised Designation of Critical Habitat for the Sonoma County Distinct Population Segment of California Tiger Salamander" (RIN1018-AW86) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3423. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Services, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Determination of Endangered Status for Casey's June Beetle and Designation of Critical Habitat" (RIN1018-AV91) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the